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Subject: ~~RAKOCHA~~ Maria of 387 Grand Street, New York, N.Y.

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In behalf of the Chairman of the League of Ukrainian Americans, Cultural Contacts with Compatriots Abroad, sounded off

1. Subject is Vice-Chairman of the League of Ukrainian Americans (progressives), aged approx. 55, Ukrainian, US citizen, from Sept 1964 to Aug 1965 stayed in the Ukraine, among "other places" in Staryi Sambor, Lvov, Kiev. She told that Dr Kl and Eve Pida during their visit to TOLOPKO I. of 387 Grand Street, NYC, on 19 Sept 1965. Subject brought for Dr Kl and Eve two china goats as a gift from KOLOSOVA Kateryna, Chairman of the Society for Cultural Contacts with Foreign Countries in Kiev and TOLOPKO was the one who had asked Dr Kl to come to visit him and during dinner to pick up the gift. While asking Dr Kl to come to his house (Apt. 1105) TOLOPKO also stressed that he had some very important matters to discuss with her.

Immediately after Dr Kl and Eve's arrival at TOLOPKO'S apartment on 19 Sept 1965 at 18.15 hrs, the latter called Subject who did the main talking whereas TOLOPKO and his wife played only a secondary role.

In Dr Kl's opinion Subject's task was to ascertain whether Dr Kl was still ready to do something along the cultural exchange among the emigration and that she was doing it on order of Kolossova, to whom Subject referred quite often during the conversation.

2. According to Dr Kl, Subject is a self-taught but very well trained, read, and smart woman. In her manners, speech and argumentation she imitates all the time KOLOSOVA. Incidentally, while in Kiev, as she told Dr Kl, Subject was taken care by KOLOSOVA who provided her and her mother from Staryi Sambor, with an apartment consisting of kitchen and 2 rooms. Subject's reason for having stayed so long in the Ukraine was that she allegedly had to take care of her ill mother in Staryi Sambor and in Kiev she brought her to some specialists. During her stay in Kiev Subject was also visited there by her daughter Irena who had come for 45 days together with a dancing group from the States for the course of Ukrainian dances in Kiev.

3. Subject wanted to know whether and if so why Dr Kl ^{had} broken contacts with KOLOSOVA and others, why wasn't she writing also.

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During Dr Kl's attacks against KOLOSSOVA, LEVISHCHENKO and others for the empty promises and lack of activity to improve the situation in the Ukraine on their part, Subject stuck more or less to official line whereas TOLOPKO and his wife in many points agreed with Dr Kl as to Russification, passivism of people in Kiev also.

The final result of the conversation: Dr Kl left open the gate for further contacts with KOLOSSOVA and others, and particularly with people from the Mission.

3. Among other things Subject and TOLOPKO told Dr Kl that in October 1965 a new larger cultural delegation is to be expected from Ukraine in this country and probably there will be no one from the old one. They could name however nobody and did not know yet who will head it.

PALAMARCHUK'S appointment to Morocco was a promotion and he should be succeeded by an even more important personality.

SHEVCHENKO, head of Ukrainian Mission in New York had gone for vacation to Kiev and he has already returned or will do so soon. CHERNIAVSKY stayed all the time in New York and "probably" tried to get in touch with Dr Kl by phone but she was never at home. CHER's wife went for vacation to Kiev.

In Detroit there has allegedly been organized a Society for cultural contacts with Ukraine and its chairman is a former DP.

Both complained against "Ukrainske Zhyttia" of Chicago, Ill "which had started to write like "America" or "Svoboda".

In tete-a-tete talk with Dr Kl, TOLOPKO told her that "it was a pity LEVISHCHENKO did not have higher position".

They, in Kiev, expect very much from emigration, particularly they want emigration's help in Ukrainization. They expected also very much from Dr Kl's trip to the Ukraine, all have asked Subject why she has not come because she could have helped them very much. KOLOSSOVA was sure that Dr Kl would come to Kiev.

4. According to TOLOPKO, CHERNIAVSKY Viktor told him that he understood quite well Dr Kl and if it had depended on him he would do it "completely different". "But what can I do?" "Dr Kl is absolutely right in many points but I am helpless".

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5. Subject and TOLOPKO "wondered" if there were still chances to organize a Society for Cultural Contacts with Ukraine in New York and whether Dr Kl's friends could publish a paper. Dr Kl "ignored" the topic pointing out that she had already talked about more important things with KOLOBSOVA and made it quite clear to them that without changes in the Ukraine they had nothing to look for in emigration.

6. Dr Kl and Eve left TOLOPKO'S house at approx. 22.15 hrs.

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